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SUBJ: NEW ELECTRIC POWER LINE BETWEEN UKRAINE AND HUNGARY

TO BE MULTILATERAL CEMA PROJECT

REF: MOSCOW 3086

1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY FRG EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT PROJECT
APPROVED AT RECENT CEMA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HERE
(REFTEL) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 750 KILOVOLT POWER LINE
BETWEEN UKRAINE AND JUNGARY IS A MULTILATERAL CEMA AGREEMENT.
THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTEDLY REVEALED BY GDR REPRESENTA-
TIVE AT THE MEETING, DEPUTY CHIARMAN OF GDR COUNCIL OF
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MINISTER, GERHARDT WEISS, IN STATEMENT MADE IN MOSCOW AND

ALSO REPORTED IN GDR PRESS. WEISS ALSO SAID THAT PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY WORK FOR LINE WILL PROCEED THROUGH 1975 WITH COMPLETION AND INITIAL OPERATION TO TAKE PLACE IN 1978 OR 1979.

2. AN ARTICLE IN TASS VESTNIK (RUSSIAN LANGUAGE) NEWSLETTER, DESCRIBES PROPOSED LINE AS LINKING ELECTIC ENERGY SYSTEM IN EUROPEAN PART OF USSR WITH ENERGY SYSTEMS OF CEMA EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF UKRAINE-HUNGARY POWER LINE AS MULTILATERAL CEMA PROJECT PLACES IT IN SAME CATEGORY AS TWO OTHER CEMA PROJECTS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN USSR, UST-ILIM (CELLULOSE) AND KIEMBAEV (ASBESTOS). FOLLOWING STANDARD PLAND, EE CEMA COUNTRIES (BULGARIS, HUNGARY, GDR, POLAND, CZEHCOSLOVAKIA) PARTICIPATING IN AGREEMENT WILL NEGOTIATE SEPARATE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH USSR DETAILING WHAT MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLY TECHNOLOGY THEY WILL PROVIDE FOR CONSTRUCTION. REPAYMENT WILL BE IN ELECTIC POWER. AS IN CASE OF CEMA SPONSORED DRUZHBA OIL PIPELINES WHICH EXTEND FROM USSR INTO EASTERN EUROPE, BULK OF THIS PROJECT, INCLUDING TWO OF ITS THREE ELECTIC POWER SUB-STATIONS, WILL BE LOCATED IN USSR.
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